

SENATE RESOLUTION 183

By Harris

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Anita S. Vaughn upon her receipt of the Innovation Award from the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body acknowledge and applaud those estimable Tennesseans who have devoted themselves to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Anita S. Vaughn, who was recently named a 2018 Legends Award honoree and the recipient of the Innovation Award by the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, an honor most befitting her many years of service to the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis has, for over two decades, played a major role as a backbone organization, aligning people and resources and coordinating community-based services through the two-generation approach with the ultimate aim of reducing poverty in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, the organization encourages philanthropy and fosters leadership among women, and it honors these same virtues in those who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the community, through the Legends Award; and

WHEREAS, the Legends Award, created in 2009, honors trend-setters, visionaries, and innovators who have risen to the top of their fields and use their knowledge and skills to better the community; and

WHEREAS, Anita Vaughn is a lifelong Memphian and registered nurse who worked with Baptist Memorial Health Care for over forty years; a champion for raising the level of women's

and children's health, she is a trailblazer for making quality health care and information more accessible and convenient for women and their families; and

WHEREAS, after directing the five critical care units at Baptist Medical Center, Ms. Vaughn was promoted to chief nursing officer of Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis; in 1998, she was selected to serve as chief executive officer to lead the planning and development team for Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women; and

WHEREAS, her most recent accomplishment is leading the effort to transition pediatrics from Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis, the Baptist system's flagship hospital, to a pediatric addition now known as the Spence and Becky Wilson Baptist Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Vaughn has received the Ruby R. Wharton Award for Outstanding Service in the field of Women's Rights, the University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Alumna Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Baptist College of Health Sciences; she was named one of Fifty Women Who Make a Difference as well as a Health Care Heroes finalist in Administrative Excellence; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves on the board of directors for the American Heart Association, March of Dimes, and the University of Memphis National Alumni Association; she serves on the board of trustees for the Women's Foundation of Greater Memphis and Southwest Tennessee Community College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Anita Vaughn has worked diligently to better the lives of her fellow citizens, and she is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Anita S. Vaughn upon her receipt of the Innovation Award from the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, extending our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.